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laws, in my opinion it should provide a lazaretto, where, at least, the people could be taken upon shore.

I will report more fully upon the subject later on.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

D. LYNCH PRINGLE,  
*United States Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

*Smallpox in Hiogo and Osaka.*

HIOGO, JAPAN, *June 4, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information, translated copies of communications received from the acting chiji (governor) of Hiogo Ken and the chiji (governor) of Osaka Fu, the former informing me that "smallpox has almost disappeared from Giogo (Kobe), and that it is not considered in epidemic form;" the latter informing me that "no cases of smallpox have been reported in Osaka during the past nine days (May 25 to June 2, inclusive), and that the said disease is not considered in epidemic form."

In view of this information, I have this day discontinued the enforcement of the "Quarantine Laws and Regulations" applicable to a port in which smallpox prevails in epidemic form. Paragraph 2 (b) of Article II and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article IV, "Quarantine Laws and Regulations of the United States," April 26, 1894, still obtain.

I have notified his excellency the United States minister at Tokyo, the United States consul-general at Kanagawa, and the United States consul at Nagasaki of my action in this regard.

I regret to have to state that this consular district has unfortunately been the center of the smallpox epidemic, and that the epidemic has lasted longer and caused a larger percentage of deaths among the foreign population here than any previous time during my sojourn at this consulate (eleven years).

In conclusion, I respectfully submit for your information smallpox statistics, showing the number of cases and deaths in this consular district (Osaka and Hiogo, Kobe,) since the outbreak of the disease.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HUNTER SHARP,  
*United States Vice-Consul, in Charge.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 1—Translation.]

*Smallpox in Hiogo, May 2, 1896, to May 29, 1897.*

HIOGO KENCHO, *Hiogo, June 3, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication No. 666, dated the 1st instant, relative to the prevalence of smallpox in Kobe-Shi, Hiogo Ken. In reply, permit me to state that the said disease has almost disappeared, as mentioned in your communication above referred to, and that it is not considered in epidemic form.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHIYOSABURO TAKEDA,  
*Secretary, Acting Chiji of Hiogo Ken.*

HUNTER SHARP, Esquire,  
*Vice-Consul of the United States, in Charge.*

## [Inclosure No. 2.]

*Smallpox statistics—City of Hioqo (Kobe), Japan.*

[Population, 182,730.]

Week ended—	Cases.	Deaths.	Week ended—	Cases.	Deaths.
1896.			1896.		
May 2.....	17	1	November 21.....	168	83
May 9.....	17	10	November 28.....	153	95
May 16.....	15	5	December 5.....	121	80
May 24.....	22	7	December 12.....	116	69
May 30.....	32	16	December 19.....	131	48
June 6.....	23	4	December 26.....	100	58
June 13.....	78	18	1897.		
June 20.....	86	27	January 2.....	67	39
June 27.....	49	20	January 9.....	73	42
July 4.....	45	12	January 16.....	78	33
July 11.....	47	21	January 23.....	70	35
July 18.....	36	13	January 30.....	53	31
July 26.....	41	12	February 6.....	38	2
August 1.....	52	16	February 13.....	52	24
August 8.....	31	8	February 20.....	25	14
August 15.....	32	16	February 27.....	36	19
August 22.....	33	7	March 6.....	23	11
August 29.....	28	13	March 13.....	10	4
September 5.....	27	17	March 20.....	17	7
September 12.....	38	25	March 27.....	14	4
September 19.....	49	25	April 3.....	2	.....
September 26.....	55	26	April 10.....	8	4
October 3.....	115	37	April 17.....	4	2
October 10.....	125	43	April 24.....	2	2
October 17.....	86	48	May 1.....	10	4
October 24.....	97	45	May 8.....	2	2
October 31.....	122	56	May 15.....	2	2
November 7.....	137	63	May 22.....	5	.....
November 14.....	173	54	May 29.....	3	1

## [Inclosure No. 3—Translation.]

*Smallpox in Osaka, May 17, 1896, to May 30, 1897.*OSAKA, FUCHO, *Osaka, June 3, 1897.*

SIR: Referring to your inquiries made in your communication of the 1st instant, relative to the existence of smallpox in this city, I have the honor to inform you that no case of smallpox has been reported in this city during the past nine days, and that the said disease is not considered in epidemic form.

I may add that the medical inspection office, established under the instructions of the Government, was closed on the 31st ultimo.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

TADAKATSU UTSUMI,  
*Chiji of Osaka Fu.*

HUNTER SHARP, Esquire,  
*Vice-Consul of the United States, in Charge, Kobe, Japan.*

[Inclosure No. 4.]

*Smallpox statistics—City of Osaka, Japan.*

[Osaka 20 miles distance from Hiogo (Kobe). Population, about 500,000.]

Week ended.	Cases.	Deaths.	Week ended.	Cases.	Deaths.
1896.			November 22.....	4	.....
May 17.....	5	1	November 29.....	6	1
May 24.....	3	2	December 6.....	34	1
May 31.....	14	2	December 13.....	14	4
June 7.....	2	.....	December 20.....	36	4
June 14.....	4	3	December 27.....	36	7
June 21.....	10	4	1897.		
June 28.....	3	.....	January 3.....	36	9
July 5.....	3	.....	January 10.....	53	11
July 12.....	2	.....	January 17.....	149	20
July 19.....	1	.....	January 24.....	113	29
July 26.....	.....	.....	February 7.....	146	64
August 2.....	.....	.....	February 14.....	255	79
August 9.....	.....	.....	February 21.....	195	70
August 16.....	.....	.....	February 28.....	127	31
August 23.....	1	.....	March 7.....	159	45
August 30.....	.....	.....	March 14.....	152	55
September 6.....	.....	.....	March 21.....	66	34
September 13.....	.....	.....	March 28.....	79	27
September 20.....	.....	.....	April 4.....	79	33
September 27.....	.....	.....	April 11.....	79	32
October 4.....	.....	.....	April 18.....	91	35
October 11.....	2	.....	April 25.....	49	37
October 18.....	1	.....	May 2.....	37	13
October 25.....	1	.....	May 9.....	22	9
November 1.....	2	.....	May 16.....	13	11
November 8.....	.....	.....	May 23.....	14	6
November 15.....	7	.....	May 30.....	5	3

## MOROCCO.

*Quarantine regulations of the sanitary council of Morocco.*

TANGIER, June 16, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine regulations for this and other ports of Morocco with translation of the same. These regulations were adopted by the sanitary council of Tangier on the 15th instant under the presidency of Hon. E. de Ojeda, the Spanish minister.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

D. N. BURKE,  
*United States Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

## THE MOROCCO SANITARY COUNCIL NOTICE.

TANGIER, June 15, 1897.

The pilgrimage to Mecca having been prohibited by His Majesty the Sultan, and the Morocco sanitary council not having the necessary means to execute the measures adopted by the Conference of Venice against the danger resulting from the return to Morocco of Moorish subjects who have contravened the Sultan's orders, the sanitary council has decided to notify the shipping companies and their agents of the following resolutions:

I. Vessels having on board Moorish passengers who will not be able to prove by certificate from competent authority and to the satisfaction of the sanitary council that they have sojourned for two months in a noninfected country, or have been submitted to quarantine, as well as to disinfection of their person and baggage in an European port or lazaretto, shall not be allowed admittance in the Morocco ports.

II. Moorish passengers having fulfilled the above conditions will only be allowed to